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Hi all,

The final revision to the Guideline on Air Quality Models, 40 CFR 51 Appendix W, has been signed. Please share the following message with your state.

Feel free to also forward the attached documents as well. If you'd prefer to avoid large email attachments, the pre-publication rule, fact sheet, and other information related to the rule are available through EPA's SCRAM website, linked below.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Mike

On December 20, 2016, the Administrator signed a final rule that revises the Guideline on Air Quality Models. The Guideline provides EPA-recommended models and other techniques, as well as guidance for their use, for predicting ambient concentrations of air pollutants. EPA's finalized changes enhance the formulation and application of the agency's AERMOD dispersion model, prescribe modeling techniques for secondarily formed fine particle and ozone pollution for single sources and makes various editorial improvements.

A Fact Sheet for the final rule and the pre-Federal Register version of the Final Rule are attached to this email for easy reference. Additionally, there is an informational 2016 Appendix W Final Rule webpage available on the EPA's SCRAM website at the following link: https://www3.epa.gov/ttn/scram/appendix_w-2016.htm. This webpage provides access to updated model code, documentation, and technical guidance related to this final action.

The EPA will be scheduling webinars and other outreach to the stakeholder community in January 2017. Information on these webinars and other engagements will be posted to the EPA's SCRAM website once scheduled. In the interim, direct all questions to Mr. George M. Bridgers, email: Bridgers.George@epa.gov.